

ideal, or act to improve the lot of others, or strike out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

When young students create such ripples and see their effects, they remember them all their lives. They remember their own ability to help others, and the joy and satisfaction it can bring. They develop a habit of service that follows them throughout their careers. And this is what makes service learning so very important.

Through community service, all of us have the opportunity to make our own lives better by helping others. And through strong service learning, schools are teaching generations of young people the joy of helping others. We are also doing much more. We are making our democracy stronger. Our democracy depends on the active involvement of citizens to shape our government and shape our communities.

There is no question that America needs students who are well-educated in every way. We are working to do better in this respect, but we need to do much more. We need students who grow up understanding what it is to serve, to give back to their community, to help others. Our nation will always draw strength from a committed and engaged citizenry. Service learning helps us build that better citizenry, one student at a time.

Seventeen years ago, I was the original sponsor of the National and Community Service Act of 1990. We reached across the aisle to recognize an important priority: to encourage and increase service in America. Among the many accomplishments of that legislation was the creation of Serve America, a new program to promote the practice of service learning in American schools.

That program, now called Learn and Serve America, has exceeded the high expectations we had for it. Last year, 1.4 million students participated in service learning nationwide through Learn and Serve. Since the creation of the program, over 14 million students have served their communities because of it. It's an impressive accomplishment to have touched so many lives. I congratulate all of those who have participated in Learn and Serve over the years, and especially those who have guided the program so successfully.

The Learn and Serve Challenge events taking place across America this week are an effective way to bring new and well-deserved attention to the program and to the benefits of service learning, and I look forward to even more impressive successes of this unique program in the years ahead.

PROJECTS SPONSORSHIP—S. 1745

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, as chairwoman of the Appropriations Sub-

committee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies, I rise today to clarify for the U.S. Senate the sponsorship of several congressionally designated projects included in the report accompanying S. 1745, the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008, S. Rpt. 110-124. Specifically:

The report should indicate that funding provided through the Department of Justice for the Presidential Candidate Nominating Conventions for 2008 was requested by Senators ALLARD, COLEMAN, KLOBUCHAR, and SALAZAR.

Senator LEVIN should be listed as having requested funding for Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids, MI, for an academic prevention and workforce skills program funded through the Department of Justice.

Senator STABENOW should be listed as having requested funding for the Ruth Ellis Center, Highland Park, MI, for an outreach program funded through the Department of Justice.

Senators SCHUMER and BILL NELSON should not be listed as having requested funding for Regional Climate Centers funded through the Department of Commerce.

Finally, Senator MCCASKILL has withdrawn her request for the following activities funded through the Department of Justice: Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, RAINN, Partnership for a Drug Free America Meth360 Program, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

RETIREMENT OF GENERAL PETER PACE

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true patriot and exceptional leader of our military, GEN. Peter Pace, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for his more than 40 years of dedicated service to the U.S. Armed Forces and to our country.

General Pace has devoted his life to service of his country. For him, duty, honor, and commitment have been more than words. They have been a career and a way of life. America is great because of the service and sacrifice of Americans like General Pace. We are deeply grateful for his service.

General Pace has consistently put the military ideal of service to country before himself and has shown exceptional concern for the well-being of our men and women in uniform. Indeed, if there is one trait that can be said to define the character of General Pace, it is that he has been guided in all his decisions by an intense feeling of duty to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who defend the freedoms we all enjoy.

This brave patriot is retiring October 1, marking the end of a long and distinguished military career.

GEN. Peter Pace began his service to America at the U.S. Naval Academy. In 1968, after completing officer training

at the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, General Pace was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, of the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam.

In Vietnam, he served first as a rifle platoon leader and subsequently became an assistant operations officer. He joined the platoon during the battle for Hue City and was the unit's third platoon leader in as many weeks.

For his service and heroism, General Pace was decorated for valor during his tour in Vietnam. Yet what mattered most to him were the troops he led, some of whom, tragically, lost their lives for the country we love. General Pace holds as one of his most valued treasures the photo of LCpl Guido Farinaro, the first marine he lost in combat. The lance corporal's forever young likeness is under the glass on General Pace's desk, each day reminding him of the impact of his decisions as a military leader. General Pace has often been quoted as saying that it is the duty of every soldier to live his or her life in an exemplary way and take on an extra measure of responsibility for those fellow soldiers who have been killed and whose families now live without them. This dedication to the fallen, and to the survivors, is characteristic of General Pace.

Following Vietnam, General Pace was assigned to Marine Barracks, Washington, DC, where he served as security detachment commander at Camp David, a White House social aide, and platoon leader of Special Ceremonial Platoon.

Over the next two decades, General Pace held command at virtually every level and served our country throughout the world. While a brigadier general, he served as deputy commander of Marine Forces, Somalia, from December of 1992 to February of 1993, and as deputy commander of Joint Task Force—Somalia from October 1993 to March 1994.

On September 30, 2005, General Pace became the country's senior military leader when he was sworn in as the 16th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on September 30, 2005. General Pace also made history—he had the distinction of being the first marine to serve in this role and of being the first Italian American to do so.

I know from my personal conversations with him that General Pace took modest pride from that last fact. And believe that General Pace—whose name means “peace” in Italian—knew full well that his was a fitting name for a soldier because the path to achieving peace, and to preserving it, is through the kind of strong and capable a military to which he devoted his career.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs is always a challenging job but never more so than at a time when the Nation is at war. He has been a respected source of military counsel for our country's leaders. He has worked to help transform the military so that it will be able to address the myriad of global challenges during this time of

war. Now, he leaves his chairmanship knowing that our Armed Forces in Iraq have been making new progress there, thanks to a new strategy put in place under his watch.

As has been his practice since he left Annapolis 40 years ago, General Pace has always kept the best interests of our men and women in uniform in the forefront of discussions. General Pace is known for his thoughtful manner, his sense of humor, and above all his consummate integrity. One Pace trademark we have all come to value is his constant reference to "PFC Pace" in all military-related discussion, his attempt to ensure that the President, the Secretary of Defense, the National Security Council, the Homeland Defense Council, and the Congress consider the impact of their decisions on the most junior members of our military. General Pace's leadership has made a significant contribution to improving the security of the United States as we wage this war to protect our Nation and our liberty.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, General Pace has had a valued partner in helping to improve the quality of life for the family members who sustain our all-recruited force. His wife Lynne has diligently worked with her husband to assist military families in quite literally every clime and place. Throughout her husband's career, at each duty station, she focused on working to improve their quality of life, both as a key volunteer, where she provided advice on family readiness and financial assistance issues, and as a LINKS volunteer—Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, and Skills—where she was a mentor to other military spouses and helped them adapt to the unique challenges of military life. In addition to serving on the boards of CARE, which works to eradicate world poverty through education, health, and economic programs, and the Armed Services YMCA, Lynne has worked with the USO, Americans with Disabilities, and numerous other volunteer groups. She also helped to develop a curriculum for spouses that became an integral part of the Commanders Course.

The Paces' proudest accomplishment undoubtedly is their two children, Peter, a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and Tiffany Marie, who is an accountant. This is truly a family that embodies the greatness of our blessed land.

General Pace will indeed be remembered as a dedicated Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a true patriot, a courageous warrior, a distinguished general, and a dedicated leader with the highest integrity and compassion for all who had the distinct honor of serving with him.

When General Pace was appointed to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, President Bush remarked, "To the American people, the Marine is shorthand for can-do, and I'm counting on Pete Pace to bring the Marine spirit to

these new responsibilities." General Pace has always lived his life and served his country in the Marine spirit. A grateful nation extends her appreciation.

Semper Fi.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ALBUQUERQUE READS PROGRAM

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the Albuquerque Reads program and Pat Dee for the work he has done on this immensely successful program.

Albuquerque Reads has helped thousands of students in the Albuquerque area gain proficiency in reading. Reading can expand a student's imagination and open their minds to new ideas. Reading is the gateway to attaining knowledge. This very basic skill can catapult students into new levels of understanding and give them the tools they need to excel. I have always been an avid reader, which has helped me become what I am today. I never stop learning, and I hope these students never stop either.

It was a pleasure to visit with Pat Dee when I was in New Mexico a few weeks ago. The work he has done with this program has been noticed by many, including the President of the United States. Mr. Dee received a Volunteer Service Award from the President for the many hours he has dedicated to helping students learn to read. He directs over 300 volunteers who help facilitate the program and is looking to expand it with an additional 200 volunteers. Albuquerque Reads places these volunteers in underperforming schools to tutor kindergarteners. With their help, reading proficiency has increased 40 percent.

I want to say thank you to Albuquerque Reads and Pat Dee for all that you have done for students in the area. I wish you much success in the future.●

RETIREMENT OF HIRO PAUL MIZUE

• Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, on September 29, 2007, Mr. Hiro Paul Mizue, Chief of the Civil and Public Works Branch, Honolulu Engineer District, HED, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will retire from U.S. Government service following 34 years of exemplary service to Hawaii, the Pacific Region, the U.S. military, and our Nation.

Over the course of these 34 years, Mr. Mizue has served with integrity and distinction. I have personally witnessed his conviction to duty and steadfast dedication to improving the lives of citizens and servicemembers.

Mr. Mizue has demonstrated the highest values and ideals over his years of distinguished service, excelling at every assignment in his career, which covers every facet of civil and military planning and design management. He has exercised exceptional leadership

and management skills on behalf of the Army Corps of Engineers to achieve much lauded success.

His professional career in water resources began with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District in 1968 as a hydraulic engineer. Called to duty by the U.S. Army in 1969, he was assigned to HED as a civil engineer where he worked in the Civil Works Branch at Fort Armstrong. Upon discharge in 1971, he returned to the Los Angeles Flood Control District. In 1974, he relocated to Hawaii, joining the Honolulu firm of Belt Collins and Associates as a civil engineer. He rejoined the Honolulu District in late 1975 as a hydraulic engineer, managing water resources feasibility studies.

In 1983, Mr. Mizue transferred to HED's military engineering division where he served as the Chief of the Family Housing/Hospital Division until 1995. During this period, he provided exceptional project management support culminating with \$271 million in construction of new family housing for our brave servicemembers on Hickam AFB, Wheeler AAF, Schofield Barracks, Aliamanu Military Reservation, and Fort Shafter. Also of note are Mr. Mizue's efforts in managing \$100 million in design-build contracts for a much needed expansion of the Tripler Army Medical.

Having demonstrated exemplary leadership and management skills, Mr. Mizue was promoted to Chief of Planning Division in 1995; this office later became Civil and Public Works Branch. In this capacity, Mr. Mizue provided high-quality planning services to the State of Hawaii, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and American Samoa. In addition, he implemented comprehensive/holistic planning by having Corps planning studies evaluate water resources problems broadly and at a watershed level. This approach formed the basis for Federal, State, and local agencies to implement integrated water resources development projects. Mr. Mizue typified customer care by constantly striving to provide the highest quality planning services and products in a responsive manner.

In 2006, Mr. Mizue led HED's response to assist the State and counties with dam safety inspections after the Kaloko Dam failure and later following a 6.7-magnitude earthquake. HED's responses to these disasters demonstrated the exceptional working relationship with the State of Hawaii. Through his leadership, expertise, and experience, HED became recognized as the proven leader in project execution, accomplishment, and responsiveness.

During his 12 years as Chief of Civil and Public Works Branch for the Honolulu District, Mr. Mizue parlayed his extensive leadership skills to accomplish notable Branch achievements. A major civil works project built during his tenure was the Alenaio Stream Flood Control project, on the Big Island, completed in 1997 at a cost of \$16